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TO : Chief,

FROM : Lt. Michaelis

SUBJECT: Report of Lt. Bardet, Case Officer in OSTRICH case.

On 29 November 1944 the American authorities put me in contact with OSTRICH, and it was decided that he would, with me, get in touch with certain people who had been or still were in touch with the Ast and the SD. In order to make OSTRICH's appearance presentable I outfitted him completely.

On Thursday 30 November we went to 24 rue du 4 Septembre to see EBERHARDT, but found the address incorrect, His offices being located at no. 28. However at no. 24 we found the offices of a certain VILETTE, real estate dealer known to OSTRICH, who told me that he (OSTRICH) had visited VILETTE with LITT.

At 28 rue du 4 Septembre a secretary in EBERHARDT's office told us that he had left Paris in early September and was not expected back until the end of December. I got the impression that she was not telling us all she knew, but in order not to alarm EBERHARDT I did not push the matter any further. OSTRICH and I returned to the BST at 12.30.

The following day we decided to go to the Chateau de la Rouillee, an estate belonging to MORAND and located near Taille Fontaine between Villers Coteret and Compiègne. OSTRICH and I left at 1400. We contacted the caretaker at La Rouillee who told us she had seen no one, but that Mme. MORAND had written her a letter asking if two men had come to inspect the estate. The caretaker told us that Mme. MORAND was at the home of her sister-in-law at Villefranche-sur-Saone, that she had moved and that her new address was 7 rue de Cronstadt, at Courbevoie. We went to Courbevoie and discovered that the house in question had been completely demolished by bombings.

On 2 December 1944 OSTRICH and I went to 42 Quai de l'Assy to see Jeannine HARTMANN. The concierge told us that she did not live there, and that the apartment of her lover TONIN was requisitioned by the Ministère de l'Interieur. She said HARTMANN's address was 48 Quai Louis Bleriot. HARTMANN was not to be found at that address, her apartment having been requisitioned for Mlle. BIDAULT, sister of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and an employee at the Ministry. The concierge of this building said that she had had a visit from Jeannine HARTMANN on Saturday 2 December. According to a letter found at this address I am almost sure that HARTMANN lives at 21 Bd. d'Angleterre, Le Vesinet. The apartment had been pillaged by the FFI but the concierge promised to give me photos of TONIN and of HARTMANN.

In order not to "blow" OSTRICH, Lt. Michaelis of the American Services, in accordance with Col. Rothschild of the British Services, decided to release OSTRICH from the BST and to install him in an apartment at 47 Blvd. Suchet.

On 6 December 1944 I went to 3 Cour de Rohan with OSTRICH, to find Simone SERVET, who was unknown at that address.

OSTRICH told me that he knew an antique dealer named ADOLPHI, living next to the Church of St. Ferdinand, and we found him at 10 or 12 rue St. Ferdinand. OSTRICH told him that he had come from Germany and that he wanted the address of Mme. MORAND as her husband had given him a message for her. ADOLPHI said that he only knew MORAND through their business deals, and that he did not know where to find Mme. MORAND, although he knew that the workshop in the rue Pergolese had been sealed. He gave us MORAND's address at Levallois. He showed no surprise when

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OSTRICH told him that he had come from Germany, and seemed delighted to hear that MORAND had an important position in enemy territory. On departure he asked OSTRICH to remember him to MORAND in case he should see him.

We then went to 10 rue Bellanger at Levallois, but there again the concierge had never heard of Mme. MORAND.

CONCLUSIONS OF CASE OFFICER:

After numerous interviews with OSTRICH I believe he is playing the game. Subject is the prototype of the accomplished adventurer, with no scruples whatsoever, recognizing but one master, money, and one passion, women. As he is being kept happy there is no reason why he should, in his present situation, cause us any trouble. Besides, he is aware of the present critical situation of Germany, which should be a major reason for him to switch camps.

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